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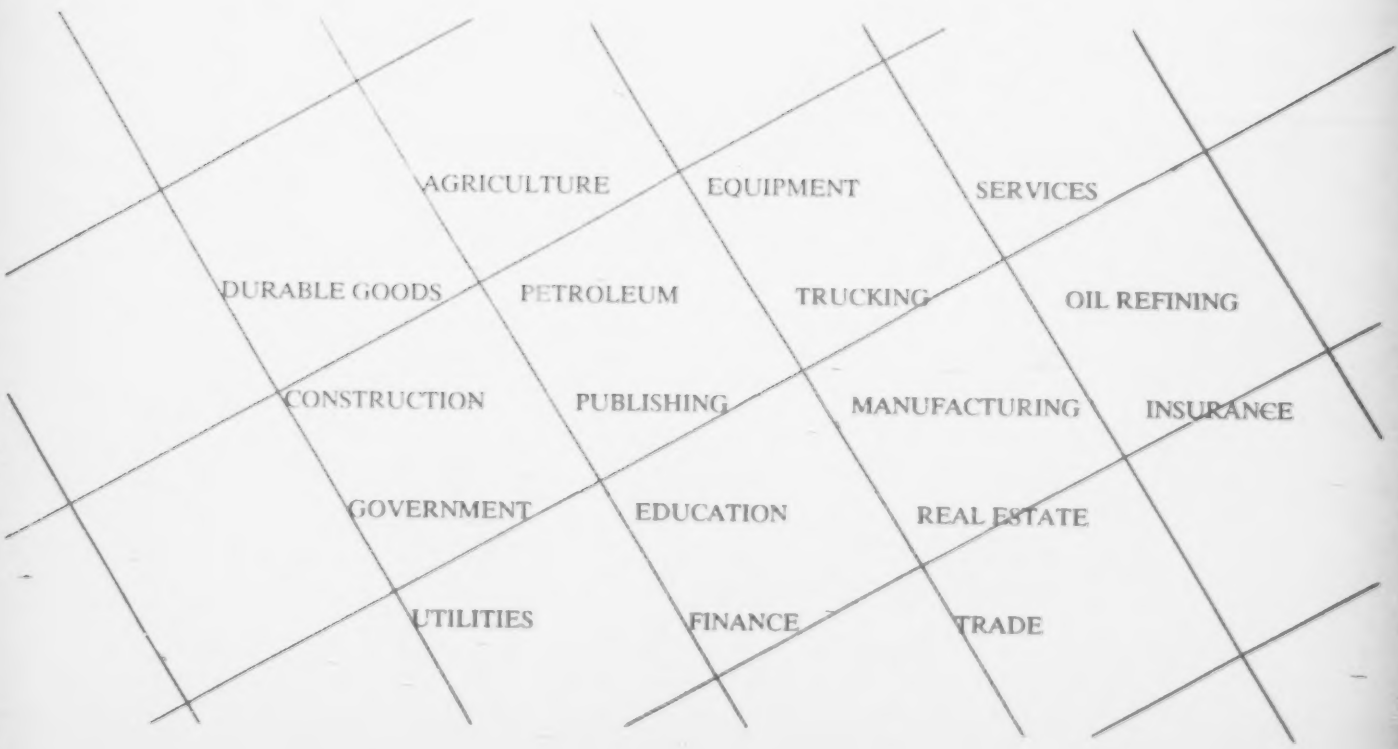

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JOBLESS NUMBERS RETREAT

The statewide jobless level fell to 90,100 in December, a 3,800 decline from the revised November figure. This contraction, combined with changes in the total labor force, brings the unemployment rate down to 6.0 percent. This jobless rate was down from last month and the same as the rate posted in December of last year.

At the same time, the employment level also fell by 8,800. This drop was due mostly to a seasonal reduction of persons employed in the domestic service-self employed-family worker group.

The total employment level at the end of 1988 stands 37,100 below December of last year.

NONFARM JOBS SHOW SEASONAL RISE

Nonfarm wage and salary employment rose by 4,500 in December, pushed higher mainly by seasonal hiring in the retail sector of the trade industry and some expansion in local government.

Other notable changes in employment levels were the 1,900 drop in the service industry and a 900 decline in construction. The other major industry groups recorded only minor fluctuations of the monthly estimation period.

Oklahoman's over-the-year gain of 4,000 jobs since December, 1987 is a major trend change; since the previous three years showed employment drops in the December to December estimation period.

Significant gains by three major industry divisions more than offset losses in the other five. Over the year, service gained 5,600, manufacturing moved up 4,100, and government improved by 3,000 positions. Two goods-producing industries, mining and construction lost 3,500 and 2,600 respectively. Declines in the remaining industries were much smaller.

FACTORY EARNINGS SLIP SLIGHTLY

According to the latest estimates, average weekly earnings slipped $4.56 for the 115,100 manufacturing production workers in Oklahoma. This was due more to the 16 cent decrease in wage rates than the small change in the scheduled workweek.

For durable goods, wage rate declines of 18 cents pushed weekly income down to $481.93 over the month, even though the time worked expanded slightly. Still, durable workers paychecks are running $14.00 higher than last December.

On the other hand, nondurables posted a similar drop in weekly wages over the month, but were virtually unchanged from December a year ago.

Over the month, four of the five non-manufacturing industries posted average weekly gains. The same was true for the December-December estimation period.

AREA JOBLESS RATES IMPROVE

The jobless rates in a majority of the individual counties and three of the four metropolitan statistical areas dropped in December. Specifically, 41 counties had lower estimated rates, 33 increased slightly, and 3 were unchanged. The range was from a low of 3.3 percent in Ellis county to 14.5 percent in Hughes. The metro areas ranged from 4.8 percent in Enid to 6.1 percent in Tulsa.

Since last December, unemployment rates have gone down in 35 counties, up in 39, and are the same in three others.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - DECEMBER 1988

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)
(1982-84 = 100)

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	INDEX	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE	PERCENT CHANGE DECEMBER, 1988 MONTH AGO	PERCENT CHANGE DECEMBER, 1987 YEAR AGO
ALL ITEMS	120.5	100.000	0.2	4.4
FOOD & BEVERAGE	120.6	17.607	0.3	5.1
HOUSING	120.2	42.479	0.3	4.0
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	118.0	6.335	-1.6	4.7
TRANSPORTATION	110.8	17.451	0.1	3.0
MEDICAL CARE	142.3	5.828	0.4	6.9
ENTERTAINMENT	122.8	4.368	0.5	4.6
OTHER GOODS & SERVICES (PERSONAL CARE)	141.3	5.931	0.2	7.0

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

UNITED STATES	5.0%
OKLAHOMA	6.0%
OKLAHOMA CITY MSA	5.1%
TULSA MSA	6.1%
LAWTON MSA	5.2%
ENID MSA	4.8%

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS
IN MANUFACTURING
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

UNITED STATES	41.8
OKLAHOMA	41.9
OKLAHOMA CITY MSA	43.7
TULSA MSA	42.8

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS
OKLAHOMA MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	PRODUCTION WORKERS	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	DEC 1988p	DEC 1988p	NOV 1988r	DEC 1987r	DEC 1988p	NOV 1988r	DEC 1987r	DEC 1988p	NOV 1988r	DEC 1987r
ALL MANUFACTURING	115.1	441.63	446.19	433.68	41.9	41.7	41.7	10.54	10.70	10.40
Durable Goods	73.5	481.93	486.20	467.58	42.8	42.5	42.2	11.26	11.44	11.08
Stone,Clay & Glass	8.3	484.85	483.66	485.10	44.4	43.3	43.9	10.92	11.17	11.05
Primary Metal Ind.	3.5	454.80	459.29	481.49	43.9	43.7	44.5	10.36	10.51	10.82
Fab.Metal Products	11.3	403.84	411.55	386.53	43.8	44.3	42.9	9.22	9.29	9.01
Fab.Struct.Metals	4.8	405.72	413.32	385.44	43.3	44.3	43.9	9.37	9.33	8.78
Mach.Except Elect.	22.3	489.20	463.30	473.00	42.8	41.0	43.0	11.43	11.30	11.00
Oil Field Machinery	4.2	438.43	397.88	442.38	41.4	39.2	43.8	10.59	10.15	10.10
Elec.& Elec. Equip.	6.0	497.45	468.78	457.80	45.1	42.5	42.0	11.03	11.03	10.90
Transport. Equip.	15.5	575.44	640.29	546.93	40.1	42.8	38.9	14.35	14.96	14.06
Instr./Related Prod.	2.0	477.43	472.80	525.93	45.6	44.9	45.3	10.47	10.53	11.61
Non-Durable Goods	41.6	370.76	376.00	373.73	40.3	40.3	40.8	9.20	9.33	9.16
Food & Kindred Prod	8.5	328.50	339.89	324.69	41.9	42.7	41.1	7.84	7.96	7.90
Apparel & Other Text.	8.0	198.75	195.52	193.80	37.5	37.6	38.0	5.30	5.20	5.10
Paper & Allied Prod	2.9	444.99	469.36	435.76	40.9	43.1	39.4	10.88	10.89	11.06
Printing & Publish.	5.4	390.91	372.17	416.51	40.3	39.3	42.2	9.70	9.47	9.87
Newspapers & Period.	1.8	319.68	317.91	371.33	34.9	35.6	40.1	9.16	8.93	9.26
Petroleum Refining	4.1	555.00	566.78	556.93	40.6	36.9	41.5	13.67	15.36	13.42
Non-Manufacturing										
Oil & Gas Extract.	18.5	511.77	488.17	494.92	42.4	41.3	43.3	12.07	11.82	11.43
Construction	23.4	433.55	428.58	410.32	39.2	39.5	36.8	11.06	10.85	11.15
Public Utilities	21.7	527.53	530.86	510.15	40.3	40.4	39.7	13.06	13.14	12.85
Wholesale Trade	44.7	372.67	366.42	384.33	39.9	39.4	38.9	9.34	9.30	9.88
*Retail Trade	122.6	197.09	188.80	185.40	32.1	30.8	30.9	6.14	6.13	6.00

*Excludes eating and drinking establishments.

OKLAHOMA LABOR FORCE
SUMMARY TABLE

(*By Place of Residence)

ITEM	NUMBER (In Thousands)			PERCENT CHANGE	ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	DEC 1988p	NOV 1988r	DEC 1987r	NOV 88 DEC 88	NOV 88 DEC 88	DEC 87 DEC 88
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,506.6	1,519.2	1,546.5	-0.8	-12.6	-39.9
Unemployment	90.1	93.9	92.9	-4.0	-3.8	-2.8
Unemployment Rate	6.0	6.2	6.0	XX.X	XX.X	XX.X
Total Employment	1,416.5	1,425.3	1,453.6	-0.6	-8.8	-37.1
Domestic Service-Self-Employed-Unpaid Family Workers	134.3	140.3	135.4	-4.3	-6.0	-1.1
Idled by Labor Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	-0.3

**Labor force data refers to place of residence, as required by the U. S Department of Labor. As a result, these estimates remove the effect of multiple jobholders and nonresident commuters included in wage and salary employment on a place-of-work basis. Workers idled by labor disputes are counted in total employment.*

p=preliminary
r=revised

NON-AGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(By place of Work)

INDUSTRY	NUMBER (In Thousands)			PERCENT CHANGE	ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	DEC 1988p	NOV 1988r	DEC 1987r	NOV 88 DEC 88	NOV 88 DEC 88	DEC 87 DEC 88
Total Wage & Salary Workers	1,112.3	1,107.8	1,108.3	0.4	4.5	4.0
Manufacturing	159.1	159.0	155.0	0.1	0.1	4.1
Durable Goods	98.9	98.4	95.2	0.5	0.5	3.7
Lumber & Wood Prod.	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Stone,Clay & Glass Prod.	10.3	10.3	9.9	0.0	0.0	0.4
Primary Metal Industries	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Fabricated Metal Prod.	14.9	14.9	14.3	0.0	0.0	0.6
Fab.Struct.Metal Prod.	6.7	6.8	6.6	-1.5	-0.1	0.1
Machinery Exc.Electrical	31.2	31.0	29.6	0.6	0.2	1.6
Constr. & Related Mach.	10.2	10.0	9.4	2.0	0.2	0.8
Oil Field Machinery	6.6	6.4	6.0	3.1	0.2	0.6
Gen.Industrial Mach.	5.2	5.2	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.6
Elect.& Electronic Equip	9.2	8.9	8.7	3.4	0.3	0.5
Transportation Equip.	19.4	19.4	19.2	0.0	0.0	0.2
Motor Vehicle & Equip.	10.8	10.9	10.9	-0.9	-0.1	-0.1
Aircraft & Parts	7.9	7.8	7.6	1.3	0.1	0.3
Instruments & Rel.Prod.	2.9	2.9	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.2
Non-Durable Goods	60.2	60.6	59.8	-0.7	-0.4	0.4
Food & Kindred Prod.	13.9	14.2	14.2	-2.1	-0.3	-0.3
Apparel & Textile Prod.	9.1	9.0	8.9	1.1	0.1	0.2
Paper & Allied Prod.	3.6	3.6	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.1
Printing & Publishing	10.9	10.9	10.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Newspapers & Period.	5.5	5.5	5.6	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Petroleum & Coal Prod.	7.0	7.2	7.4	-2.8	-0.2	-0.4
Petroleum Refining	6.3	6.5	6.7	-3.1	-0.2	-0.4
Rubber/Misc.Plast.Prod.	11.3	11.3	10.6	0.0	0.0	0.7
Tires & Inner Tubes	6.3	6.3	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.6
Non-Manufacturing	953.2	948.8	953.3	0.5	4.4	-0.1
Mining	43.1	42.8	46.6	0.7	0.3	-3.5
Oil & Gas Extraction	40.8	40.4	44.0	1.0	0.4	-3.2
Construction	29.8	30.7	32.4	-2.9	-0.9	-2.6
HV Const.Contractors	6.8	7.2	7.3	-5.6	-0.4	-0.5
Transp.& Pub. Utilities	60.9	61.4	61.8	-0.8	-0.5	-0.9
Transportation	33.6	33.9	33.5	-0.9	-0.3	0.1
Railroad Transportation	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.1
Trucking & Warehousing	15.7	15.8	16.0	-0.6	-0.1	-0.3
Pipe Lines,exc.Nat.Gas	1.4	1.5	1.5	-6.7	-0.1	-0.1
Comm.&Elec/Gas/San Service	27.3	27.5	28.3	-0.7	-0.2	-1.0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	271.1	268.3	271.3	1.0	2.8	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	57.9	57.8	59.4	0.2	0.1	-1.5
Retail Trade	213.2	210.5	211.9	1.3	2.7	1.3
Gen.Merchandise Stores	29.8	29.4	32.4	1.4	0.4	-2.6
Department Stores	11.9	11.9	13.4	0.0	0.0	-1.5
Food Stores	37.8	38.3	35.9	-1.3	-0.5	1.9
Auto.Dlrs/Ser.Station	24.3	24.6	24.7	-1.2	-0.3	-0.4
Apparel & Acces.Stores	14.4	13.0	14.0	10.8	1.4	0.4
Fin,Insur.& Real Estate	56.5	56.2	58.0	0.5	0.3	-1.5
Banking	18.0	18.0	18.7	0.0	0.0	-0.7
Credit Agenc.OT Banks	9.5	9.6	9.4	-1.0	-0.1	0.1
Insurance Carriers	8.1	8.0	8.0	1.2	0.1	0.1
Services	237.2	239.1	231.6	-0.8	-1.9	5.6
Hotels & Lodging Places	12.5	12.8	11.7	-2.3	-0.3	0.8
Personal Services	12.7	12.5	13.1	1.6	0.2	-0.4
Motion Pictures	1.2	1.0	1.3	20.0	0.2	-0.1
Health Services	77.1	76.6	74.5	0.7	0.5	2.6
Hospitals	29.5	29.5	29.4	0.0	0.0	0.1
Educational Services	12.0	12.1	11.7	-0.8	-0.1	0.3
Government, Total	254.6	250.3	251.6	1.7	4.3	3.0
Federal Government	49.9	49.9	51.2	0.0	0.0	-1.3
State and Local Government	204.7	200.4	200.4	2.1	4.3	4.3
*State Government	74.1	74.1	72.3	0.0	0.0	1.8
Local Government	130.6	126.3	128.1	3.4	4.3	2.5

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** Employment levels for State Government as measured by full-time equivalent (FTE) are as follows; DEC. 1988 = 59,583. A FTE is based on a 40-hour work week and an average 173 hour work month. The FTE count is determined by dividing total person-hours worked per month by 173.*

DECEMBER 1988

OKLAHOMA LABOR FORCE DATA

METROPOLITAN AREAS AND COUNTIES

AREA	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	LABOR FORCE	DEC 88	NOV 88	DEC 87
U. S.	115,978,000	6,142,000	122,120,000	5.0	5.2	5.4
OKLAHOMA	1,416,500	90,100	1,506,600	6.0	6.1	6.0
COUNTIES						
1 ADAIR	7,740	460	8,200	5.6	5.5	6.2
2 ALFALFA	3,120	140	3,260	4.3	2.6	4.6
3 ATOKA	7,790	430	8,220	5.2	5.0	6.0
4 BEAVER	2,710	160	2,870	5.6	4.0	3.6
5 BECKHAM	7,020	540	7,560	7.1	7.5	6.9
6 BLAINE	5,710	300	6,010	5.0	4.8	5.8
7 BRYAN	13,500	750	14,250	5.3	5.4	4.9
8 CADDO	11,110	910	12,020	7.6	8.1	8.4
9 CANADIAN	33,325	1,775	35,100	5.1	5.1	5.1
10 CARTER	18,850	1,325	20,175	6.6	7.6	6.4
11 CHEROKEE	14,360	1,070	15,430	6.9	7.1	7.0
12 CHOCTAW	4,660	460	5,120	9.0	9.3	11.4
13 CIMARRON	1,500	80	1,580	5.1	5.2	4.7
14 CLEVELAND	79,325	4,100	83,425	4.9	4.8	4.7
15 COAL	2,300	300	2,600	11.5	10.0	9.7
16 COMANCHE	46,275	2,550	48,825	5.2	5.5	4.5
17 COTTON	2,990	110	3,100	3.5	3.8	4.4
18 CRAIG	6,230	340	6,570	5.2	5.6	5.9
19 CREEK	26,175	2,225	28,400	7.8	6.8	8.2
20 CUSTER	13,190	660	13,850	4.8	4.9	4.4
21 DELAWARE	10,940	750	11,690	6.4	6.2	6.0
22 DEWEY	2,160	130	2,290	5.7	5.8	4.6
23 ELLIS	2,970	100	3,070	3.3	3.8	4.6
24 GARFIELD	27,450	1,375	28,825	4.8	4.9	5.4
25 GARVIN	11,540	910	12,450	7.3	6.9	6.2
26 GRADY	16,180	1,490	17,670	8.4	9.3	6.9
27 GRANT	2,640	100	2,740	3.6	3.4	3.3
28 GREER	2,740	110	2,850	3.9	3.6	4.2
29 HARMON	1,480	90	1,570	5.7	5.3	6.4
30 HARPER	2,160	90	2,250	4.0	3.0	3.9
31 HASKELL	3,790	470	4,260	11.0	11.8	11.2
32 HUGHES	4,420	750	5,170	14.5	13.5	13.3
33 JACKSON	10,480	620	11,100	5.6	5.7	5.1
34 JEFFERSON	3,400	240	3,640	6.6	5.9	6.3
35 JOHNSTON	3,630	250	3,880	6.4	7.4	5.4
36 KAY	24,525	1,350	25,875	5.2	5.0	5.6
37 KINGFISHER	6,180	280	6,460	4.3	4.8	5.2
38 KIOWA	4,840	220	5,060	4.3	4.4	3.4
39 LATIMER	4,440	340	4,780	7.1	7.8	9.0
40 LEFLORE	18,670	1,420	20,090	7.1	7.4	6.0
41 LINCOLN	11,180	1,000	12,180	8.2	7.7	7.5
42 LOGAN	13,140	610	13,750	4.4	4.2	3.2
43 LOVE	3,780	180	3,960	4.5	4.9	4.5
44 McCLAIN	10,500	680	11,180	6.1	5.5	4.9
45 McCURTAIN	14,110	1,050	15,160	6.9	7.3	7.3

COUNTIES		EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	LABOR FORCE	DEC 88	NOV 88	DEC 87
46	McINTOSH	6,590	350	6,940	5.0	4.7	5.1
47	MAJOR	3,330	190	3,520	5.4	5.6	6.7
48	MARSHALL	4,140	280	4,420	6.3	6.9	6.4
49	MAYES	12,950	1,070	14,020	7.6	8.3	8.2
50	MURRAY	5,470	460	5,930	7.8	7.6	7.1
51	MUSKOGEE	28,750	2,600	31,350	8.3	8.5	8.4
52	NOBLE	4,630	260	4,890	5.3	4.8	4.8
53	NOWATA	3,880	350	4,230	8.3	8.4	8.7
54	OKFUSKEE	5,280	440	5,720	7.7	7.4	7.8
55	OKLAHOMA	305,375	16,300	321,675	5.1	4.9	5.0
56	OKMULGEE	13,725	1,425	15,150	9.4	9.9	8.8
57	OSAGE	15,900	975	16,875	5.8	5.8	4.8
58	OTTAWA	11,050	1,150	12,200	9.4	8.7	9.0
59	PAWNEE	6,950	530	7,480	7.1	7.8	8.6
60	PAYNE	30,550	1,250	31,800	3.9	3.9	3.6
61	PITTSBURG	15,650	1,750	17,400	10.1	9.9	10.4
62	PONTOTOC	16,460	1,370	17,830	7.7	6.2	6.4
63	POTTAWATOMIE	24,975	1,575	26,550	5.9	5.8	6.4
64	PUSHMATAHA	4,330	300	4,630	6.5	6.3	6.6
65	ROGER MILLS	1,860	100	1,960	5.1	6.0	6.8
66	ROGERS	22,280	1,870	24,150	7.7	8.0	6.9
67	SEMINOLE	9,140	1,010	10,150	10.0	9.8	8.7
68	SEQUOYAH	15,930	1,560	17,490	8.9	7.3	5.5
69	STEPHENS	16,220	1,170	17,390	6.7	7.1	7.6
70	TEXAS	7,980	380	8,360	4.5	4.8	4.6
71	TILLMAN	4,450	320	4,770	6.7	7.1	4.7
72	TULSA	233,175	14,225	247,400	5.7	6.4	6.9
73	WAGONER	19,060	1,210	20,270	6.0	6.3	6.4
74	WASHINGTON	23,000	1,090	24,090	4.5	5.0	4.3
75	WASHITA	4,840	290	5,130	5.7	6.2	5.7
76	WOODS	5,220	250	5,470	4.6	2.6	3.7
77	WOODWARD	8,210	760	8,970	8.5	8.9	7.3
OKLAHOMA CITY MSA		466,600	25,000	491,600	5.1	5.0	4.9
TULSA MSA		316,600	20,500	337,100	6.1	6.5	6.9

SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS

A	-NORTHWEST	32,900	1,900	34,800	5.5
B	-SOUTHWEST	46,400	2,600	49,000	5.3
C	-NORTH CENTRAL	77,600	4,000	81,600	4.9
D	-SOUTH CENTRAL	111,100	7,500	118,600	6.3
E	-CENTRAL	363,000	19,000	382,000	5.0
F	-TULSA	275,200	17,400	292,600	5.9
G	-EAST CENTRAL	92,500	6,600	99,100	6.7
H	-SOUTHERN	87,400	6,300	93,700	6.7
I	-NORTHEAST	90,300	6,600	96,900	6.8
J	-EASTERN	106,100	8,700	114,800	7.6
K	-SOUTHEAST	65,700	5,800	71,500	8.1
L	-CLEVELAND	68,200	3,700	71,900	5.1

OKLAHOMA CITY
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Industry	Number In Thousands			Absolute Change From	
	DEC 1988p	NOV 1988r	DEC 1987r	NOV 88 DEC 88	DEC 87 DEC 88
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	398.9	400.6	404.1	-1.7	-5.2
MANUFACTURING	48.0	48.2	47.1	-0.2	0.9
DURABLE GOODS	33.0	33.0	32.2	0.0	0.8
Primary & Fabricated Metals	4.2	4.3	4.2	-0.1	0.0
Fab.Struc.Metal Products	1.7	1.8	1.7	-0.1	0.0
Machinery	13.9	13.9	13.6	0.0	0.3
Mach. Except Electric	10.9	10.9	10.7	0.0	0.2
Electric & Electronic Equip.	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	10.3	10.3	10.1	0.0	0.2
NON-DURABLE GOODS	15.0	15.2	14.9	-0.2	0.1
Food and Kindred Products	5.2	5.4	5.1	-0.2	0.1
Printing & Publishing	4.2	4.2	4.4	0.0	-0.2
MINING	10.1	10.2	11.3	-0.1	-1.2
CONSTRUCTION	11.4	11.8	12.6	-0.4	-1.2
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	19.2	19.2	19.2	0.0	0.0
Transportation	9.6	9.6	9.4	0.0	0.2
Comm. & Public Utilities	9.6	9.6	9.8	0.0	-0.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	100.3	99.5	102.0	0.8	-1.7
Wholesale Trade	22.0	21.9	22.4	0.1	-0.4
Retail Trade	78.3	77.6	79.6	0.7	-1.3
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	23.4	23.5	24.3	-0.1	-0.9
Banking	5.4	5.4	5.7	0.0	-0.3
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	4.0	4.1	4.0	-0.1	0.0
Insurance Carriers	4.6	4.6	4.6	0.0	0.0
SERVICES	88.5	90.5	90.6	-2.0	-2.1
Health Services	26.5	26.1	25.8	0.4	0.7
Hospitals	11.6	11.6	11.7	0.0	-0.1
Educational Services	4.5	4.7	4.6	-0.2	-0.1
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	98.0	97.7	97.0	0.3	1.0
Total Federal Government	29.6	29.0	29.3	0.6	0.3
Total State/Local Gover.	68.4	68.7	67.7	-0.3	0.7
Total State Government	33.7	34.4	34.1	-0.7	-0.4
Total Local Government	34.7	34.3	33.6	0.4	1.1

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OKLAHOMA CITY METROPOLITAN AREA

(Oklahoma, Canadian, Cleveland, Logan, McClain and Pottawatomie Counties)

Total employment in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Statistical Area fell to 466,600 in December, down 700 from the revised estimate of a month earlier. This decline was seasonal in nature. Employment totals now trail last December by 12,500.

Unemployment in the six-county area rose by 100 over the month to stand at 25,000. This holds the jobless rate steady at 5.1 percent for the month and is only slightly above the 4.9 percent rate posted in December, 1987.

Non farm wage and salary employment in the Oklahoma City MSA totaled 398,900 in December, down 1,700 from the revised November estimate. This year, the normal seasonal increase in the trade industry was not sufficient to offset losses in the other industry divisions.

While trade and government had respectable gains of 800 and 300 respectively, five of the other six industry divisions were losing employment over the month. Leading the decline was service, which fell 2,000 due mainly to a seasonal drop in amusement and recreation services. Job declines in the other industry divisions were relatively minor.

For the year, government is ahead by 1,000 and manufacturing by 900. Lagging behind last years level is service, trade, mining, construction, and finance-insurance-real estate.

The 35,200 manufacturing production workers earned $16.00 less each week in December than they did in November. This was a result of a 41 cent decline in the average hourly wage rate as the length of the workweek remained fairly stable. Weekly wages over the year rose $20.00 as the workweek expanded and wage rates remained flat.

Over the year, durables goods workers are now earning $33.00 more each week while the nondurable workers are making $15.00 less.

OKLAHOMA CITY
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

ITEM	NUMBER			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	DEC 1988p	NOV 1988r	DEC 1987r	NOV 88 DEC 88	DEC 87 DEC 88
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	491,600	492,200	504,000	-600	-12,400
Unemployment	25,000	24,900	24,900	100	100
Unemployment Rate	5.1	5.1	4.9	XX.XX	XX.XX
Employment	466,600	467,300	479,100	-700	-12,500

OKLAHOMA CITY
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	DEC 1988p	NOV 1988r	DEC 1987r	DEC 1988p	NOV 1988r	DEC 1987r	DEC 1988p	NOV 1988r	DEC 1987r
ALL MANUFACTURING	503.86	519.39	483.42	43.7	43.5	42.0	11.53	11.94	11.51
Durable Goods	550.12	569.80	517.44	44.4	44.0	42.0	12.39	12.95	12.32
Prim. & Fab. Metals	429.48	401.86	438.02	47.3	44.8	48.4	9.08	8.97	9.05
Machinery	609.82	552.77	535.06	47.2	42.1	41.9	12.92	13.13	12.77
Nondurable Goods	377.39	391.78	392.18	41.7	42.4	41.9	9.05	9.24	9.36
Food & Kindred Products	317.04	341.22	330.91	46.9	47.0	43.2	6.76	7.26	7.66
Printing & Pub.	420.03	387.73	417.98	39.7	38.2	39.1	10.58	10.15	10.69

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TULSA
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Industry	Number In Thousands			Absolute Change From	
	DEC 1988p	NOV 1988r	DEC 1987r	NOV 88 DEC 88	DEC 87 DEC 88
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	291.8	291.8	289.9	0.0	1.9
MANUFACTURING	48.5	48.9	47.5	-0.4	1.0
DURABLE GOODS	37.4	37.7	36.1	-0.3	1.3
Stone,Clay & Glass Products	3.8	3.8	3.6	0.0	0.2
Primary & Fabricated Metals	10.7	10.9	10.4	-0.2	0.3
Primary Metal Industries	1.8	1.9	1.8	-0.1	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	8.9	9.0	8.6	-0.1	0.3
Fab. Struc.Metal Products	4.6	4.6	4.4	0.0	0.2
Machinery	12.8	12.9	12.4	-0.1	0.4
Mach.Except Electric	9.7	9.7	9.2	0.0	0.5
Const.& Related Machinery	3.7	3.7	3.6	0.0	0.1
Electric & Electronic Equip.	3.1	3.2	3.2	-0.1	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	7.2	7.1	7.2	0.1	0.0
NON-DURABLE GOODS	11.1	11.2	11.4	-0.1	-0.3
Printing & Publishing	3.4	3.4	3.4	0.0	0.0
Petroleum & Coal Products	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.0	0.1
MINING	15.1	15.0	15.4	0.1	-0.3
CONSTRUCTION	9.1	9.3	9.5	-0.2	-0.4
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	24.3	24.1	23.5	0.2	0.8
Transportation	16.3	16.1	15.5	0.2	0.8
Comm.& Public Utilities	8.0	8.0	8.0	0.0	0.0
TRADE	70.2	69.2	71.1	1.0	-0.9
Wholesale Trade	17.4	17.3	17.3	0.1	0.1
Retail Trade	52.8	51.9	53.8	0.9	-1.0
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	17.3	17.2	17.3	0.1	0.0
Banking	4.1	4.1	4.3	0.0	-0.2
SERVICES	72.0	72.8	70.4	-0.8	1.6
Health Services	23.1	23.1	22.5	0.0	0.6
Hospitals	11.9	11.9	12.0	0.0	-0.1
Educational Services	4.8	4.7	4.8	0.1	0.0
GOVERNMENT	35.3	35.3	35.2	0.0	0.1
Federal	4.1	4.1	4.1	0.0	0.0
State	5.8	5.9	5.1	-0.1	0.7
Local	25.4	25.3	26.0	0.1	-0.6

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TULSA METROPOLITAN AREA

(Tulsa, Creek, Osage, Rogers and Wagoner Counties)

December's 6.1 percent unemployment rate for the Tulsa Metropolitan Statistical Area was its lowest in four years. Employment showed an increase of 400 for the month while unemployment dropped by 2,200 or nearly ten percent. Compared with the December 1987 figures, the unemployment rate is down .8 percentage points due to a 3,100 reduction in unemployment. Employment was also lower over the year with a 2,300 decline indicated. The total labor force numbers shrank by 1.6 percent over the year.

Total non-farm wage and salary employment for the Tulsa MSA was 291,800 in December, the same as the revised November figure. A seasonal expansion of 1,000 jobs occurred in the trade industry and slight month-to-month growth was indicated for the transportation, mining and finance-real estate-insurance industries. Over-the-month employment losses by major industries were; services (down 800), manufacturing (down 400), and construction (down 200). Total government employment do not change.

The year-to-year comparison showed non-farm wage and salary employment 1,900 higher than in December, 1987. This was the sixth straight month that non-farm employment has been significantly higher than that of the previous year. Industries showing employment growth over the year were, services (up 1,600), manufacturing (up 1,000), transportation (up 800), and government (up 100). Employment losses occurred in trade (down 900), construction (down 400), and mining (down 300).

Some 31,700 manufacturing production workers in the Tulsa MSA earned an average of $463.95 weekly during December. The $6.21 increase from the revised November figure came from slight gains in both weekly hours and hourly earnings. Durable goods workers average weekly earnings jumped nearly $10 higher over the month due to a .4 increase in average weekly hours and 12 cents higher average hourly earnings. Nondurable goods workers paychecks dropped nearly $7 due to a 1.2 decline in weekly hours. The total drop was moderated by an eleven cent increase in hourly earnings. Over the year, hourly earnings increased slightly while weekly hours declined, producing a slightly lower weekly paycheck in most manufacturing sectors.

TULSA
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

ITEM	NUMBER DEC 1988p	NOV 1988r	DEC 1987r	ABSOLUTE CHANGE NOV 88 DEC 88	DEC 87 DEC 88
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	337,100	338,900	342,500	-1,800	-5,400
Unemployment	20,500	22,700	23,600	-2,200	-3,100
Unemployment Rate	6.1	6.5	6.9	XXX	XXX
Employment	316,600	316,200	318,900	400	-2,300

TULSA
AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	WEEKLY EARNINGS DEC 1988p	NOV 1988r	DEC 1987r	WEEKLY HOURS DEC 1988p	NOV 1988r	DEC 1987r	HOURLY EARNINGS DEC 1988p	NOV 1988r	DEC 1987r
ALL MANUFACTURING	463.95	457.74	466.76	42.8	42.7	43.5	10.84	10.72	10.73
Durable goods	486.58	476.93	491.51	43.6	43.2	44.4	11.16	11.04	11.07
Prim & Fab. Metals	436.05	456.21	447.86	45.0	46.6	49.0	9.69	9.79	9.14
Machinery	447.63	428.82	426.72	43.0	42.0	42.0	10.41	10.21	10.16
Non-Durable Goods	366.03	372.71	361.38	39.4	40.6	39.8	9.29	9.18	9.08
Printing & Pub	407.29	416.70	426.72	39.2	40.3	42.0	10.39	10.34	10.16

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ENID METROPOLITAN AREA

(Garfield County)

The unemployment rate for the Enid Metropolitan Statistical Area eased another tenth of a percentage point lower to 4.8 percent in December. Unemployment and employment levels both declined by 50 over-the-month to produce this lower rate. The Enid MSA maintains the lowest unemployment rate among the state's four MSAs.

The year-to-year comparison showed a drop in the number of unemployed by over fifteen percent since December, 1987. Employment has declined by 1,150 or four percent over the same time.

The December non-farm wage and salary employment total for the Enid MSA was 21,600, unchanged from the revised November figure. Retail trade employment expanded seasonally by 200 for the month, but cutbacks of 100 employees each occurred in the service and mining industries, and resulted in no absolute change for the month.

Comparison with 1987 data indicated a 400 drop in total non-farm employment over-the-year. Transportation's 200 job expansion was the only growth indicated out of the eight major industry groups. Lower employment occurred in mining (down 300), government (down 200), and trade (down 100).

ENID
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

ITEM	NUMBER			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	DEC 1988p	NOV 1988r	DEC 1987r	NOV 88 DEC 88	DEC 87 DEC 88
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	28,825	28,925	30,225	-100	-1,400
Unemployment	1,375	1,425	1,625	- 50	- 250
Unemployment Rate	4.8	4.9	5.4	XXX	XXX
Employment	27,450	27,500	28,600	- 50	-1,150

ENID
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Industry	NUMBER IN THOUSANDS			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	DEC 1988p	NOV 1988r	DEC 1987r	NOV 88 DEC 88	DEC 87 DEC 88
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	21.6	21.6	22.0	0.0	-0.4
MANUFACTURING	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
DURABLE GOOD	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
NON-DURABLE GOODS	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
MINING	0.8	0.9	1.1	-0.1	-0.3
CONSTRUCTION	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.0	0.0	0.2
TRADE	6.2	6.0	6.3	0.2	-0.1
Wholesale Trade	1.3	1.3	1.4	0.0	-0.1
Retail Trade	4.9	4.7	4.9	0.2	0.0
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
SERVICES	5.7	5.8	5.7	-0.1	0.0
GOVERNMENT	3.5	3.5	3.7	0.0	-0.2
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
State	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.0	-0.2
Local	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0

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LAWTON METROPOLITAN AREA

(Comanche County)

Total employment in the Lawton Metropolitan Area rose to 46,275 in December, a 325 increase over November. This total was still 1,675 under the estimated level of employment in December, 1987.

Unemployment dropped another 150 as the civilian labor force climbed 175 over the November estimate. This combination pushes the jobless rate down to 5.2 percent, a sharp improvement over the previous month.

Total non-farm wage and salary employment climbed to 33,400 in December, a 200 jump over the November level. A gain of 200 in services and 100 in government more than offset the 100 drop in trade and this comprised the entire job change for the payroll series in the November - December estimation period.

Compared to last December, total non-farm payroll jobs now stand 800 lower. Manufacturing and construction rose 300 and 100 over the year but his was not enough to counteract job losses in three other industries, the largest being a 600 decline in government.

LAWTON
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

ITEM	NUMBER			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	DEC 1988p	NOV 1988r	DEC 1987r	NOV 88 DEC 88	DEC 87 DEC 88
TOTAL LABOR FORCE	48,825	48,650	50,200	175	-1,375
Unemployment	2,550	2,700	2,250	-150	300
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.5	4.5	XXX	XXX
Employment	46,275	45,950	47,950	325	-1,675

LAWTON
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Industry	NUMBER IN THOUSANDS			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	DEC 1988p	NOV 1988r	DEC 1987r	NOV 88 DEC 88	DEC 87 DEC 88
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	33.4	33.2	34.2	0.2	-0.8
MANUFACTURING	3.6	3.6	3.3	0.0	0.3
DURABLE GOODS	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
NON-DURABLE GOODS	3.2	3.2	2.9	0.0	0.3
MINING	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
CONSTRUCTION	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.0	0.1
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
TRADE	8.6	8.7	9.0	-0.1	-0.4
Wholesale Trade	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	7.5	7.7	7.9	-0.2	-0.4
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
SERVICES	5.7	5.5	5.9	0.2	-0.2
GOVERNMENT	11.4	11.3	12.0	0.1	-0.6
Federal	5.1	5.1	5.7	0.0	-0.6
State	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
Local	4.9	4.8	5.0	0.1	-0.1

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